

BRITISH STRIKE ON MILE FRONT

**Haig's Men Take Trench on
Somme With Slight
Losses.**

OFFENSIVE IS RESUMED

**Advance Is Made on Road to
Bapaume, Object of the
Big Drive.**

LONDON, Feb. 11.—An attack by British infantry last night north of the Ancre resulted in the capture of a strong German trench system on a front of nearly a mile. The British losses were slight.

In this attack, which emphasizes the fact that the Somme offensive has been resumed, British troops gained a firm foothold on the southern slope of Serre Hill, northeast of Beaumont-Hamel and in a direct line toward Bapaume, the objective of the big drive last fall.

Further evidence that the Salliers-Hill is securely held by the troops that stormed it is furnished by the announcement that German troops tried this morning to reach the British lines south of the hill, but were driven back before they got near enough to be dangerous.

War Fliers Are Busy.

A continuation of the extensive air raids and aerial fights of recent days is reported to-night in the British and French statements. The announcements follow:

British.—Another highly successful local operation was carried out last night. A strong system of hostile trenches lying on the southern front of Serre Hill was attacked and captured on a front of over three-quarters of a mile. We captured 215 prisoners, a number considerably exceeding our casualties.

We repulsed this morning by our air force any attempt to approach our lines south of Salliers-Hill. We entered enemy trenches during the night in the neighborhood of Pys, southwest of La Bassée, northeast of Neuve Chapelle and south of Pauphassart. Many casualties were inflicted on the enemy and his dugouts destroyed. A number of prisoners were secured.

We effectively bombarded the enemy's positions to-day at a number of places along our front. Our airplanes carried out bombing operations with good results on Friday night and Saturday. One German machine was driven down in the air fighting.

The French Report.

French.—The artillery was moderately active along the whole front. An enemy airplane was brought down by our special guns in the neighborhood of Verdun. Bombs were dropped on Nancy and Pont St. Vincent without result. Yesterday and to-day in the course of numerous aerial combats two German machines fell in flames, one within the enemy lines and the other in our lines, the latter having been brought down by Lieut. Deslin. This was the eleventh

Lieut. Long Lance.



AMERICAN INDIAN IS FIGHTING FOR ALLIES

**Lieut. Long Lance of Carlisle
Surprises Teacher With
Note From Trenches.**

CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 11.—An unusual surprise was in store for a teacher at the Carlisle Indian School when she received a New Year postcard with this address: 1833198 P. O. C. I. I. army P. O. London, England. The front cover had on it the words: "God defend the right," with the British Union Jack in the middle.

The other side revealed that the sender was Lieut. Long Lance, a graduate of the school in 1912, and a full-blooded Indian, noted for his clean living, his clean habits and clean speech, and above all else for his politeness, but now a Lieutenant in Princess Pat's Regiment, "somewhere in Europe."

Lieut. Long Lance was sending his New Year's greetings, and he did it in these words:

Kind remembrances and best wishes for the New Year.
I've just come out of the trenches.
Where we made the German dance.
And I'm sending this greeting to let you know.

That he is still alive, Yours Truly, Lieut. Long Lance.
Alive and fit as can be.
Though fighting's not all sport.
And manners "made in Germany."

Are's quite what you and I were taught.
Sincerely,
Lieut. S. C. Long Lance.

It was known that Long Lance had army ambitions, for after attending Conway Hall, Carlisle, on graduation from the Carlisle Indian School he entered St. John's Military Academy at Manhattan, N. Y., and although appointed to West Point by President Wilson did not accept.

He is rated at the Carlisle School "as a young man of high ideals and aim in life" and was a former captain of the

SENATE DEMOCRATS AID MUNITION MEN

**Caucus Adopts Two Amend-
ments to Revenue Bill to
Give Tax Relief.**

SAULSBURY LEADS FIGHT

**Attempt to Attack Webb Measure
for Foreign Selling
Agencies Fails.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Democratic caucus of the senate in a Sunday session adopted two amendments to the pending revenue bill intended to afford some small measure of relief to the munition manufacturers. The fight for both of them was led by Senator Saulsbury of Delaware, President pro tem of the senate.

One of the amendments provides for the expiration of the special munitions tax of 12½ per cent. levied under existing law six months after proclamation of the war in Europe has ceased and for the expiration automatically of the excess profits tax, to be imposed under the pending bill, at the end of four years. The other amendment which Senator Saulsbury succeeded in having adopted, for which the munition manufacturers have contended, permits the deduction of the amount of tax paid under existing law in arriving at the excess profits tax.

An attempt to attach the Webb bill, authorizing foreign selling agencies, as a rider upon the revenue bill failed. With the failure it is believed the chances of passing the Webb bill at this session, were slimming. Secretary Patchin of the Foreign Trade Council in New York was interviewing Senators yesterday and it was due to his activity that Senator Lewis of Illinois proposed to tack the Webb bill on the revenue act. Senator Simmons and other party leaders pointed out to Senator Lewis that the plan was not feasible, several Senators having stated that they will talk indefinitely if the Webb bill is taken up for consideration and will not allow it to come to a vote.

The conference met this afternoon, pursuant to the recess taken at midnight, to complete the bill. Several amendments were offered. One modification was to exempt mutual insurance companies from the tax of 4 per cent. on their excess profits upon proof that the tax was not retained in the companies' profits, but passed on to the policy holders.

Senator Saulsbury consumed much of the time of the conference in defence of his proposed amendment to permit munition corporations, chargeable with the present tax of 12½ per cent. on net income, to deduct from the amount classed as "excess profits" in the present bill the sum actually paid as tax upon net income under existing law.

The plan of Chairman Simmons is to call the Republican members into the committee meeting early to-morrow and report the bill out when the senate meets Tuesday. It probably will be taken up for consideration as soon as the state of the appropriation measures will

POLICY KINGS TAKEN IN BOMB SQUAD RAID

**Twenty-one Men Rounded Up
in Italian Colonies Where
Life Was Cheap.**

MURDER AS A PENALTY

**Police Believe Many Unsolved
Assassinations Due to Oper-
ations of Gamblers.**

With the arrest of twenty-one persons of Italian origin in Manhattan and Brooklyn yesterday by detectives of the bomb squad under Capt. Thomas J. Tunney, the Police Department has begun a campaign of extermination against the gambling syndicates which control the policy playing that is an integral part of the life of Harlem's "Little Italy" and the other Italian sections of the city.

Among the men under arrest Capt. Tunney believes that he has some of the leaders of the big syndicate which for years have been splitting average annual earnings of from \$400,000 to \$1,000,000, derived from the policy games which flourish wherever there are Italian colonies.

Besides a body blow to the policy syndicates, Capt. Tunney said last night that the police expect the arrest of the twenty-one leaders and distributors to bring important disclosures concerning the killings in or near the famous "murder stable" in East 109th street, in the heart of "Little Italy."

Score Killed in Two Years.

In the past two years twenty-one men, most of them apirants to the uneasy throne of the "King of Little Italy," have been shot down either in the stable itself or in the streets surrounding the building. Most of these murders the police believe to have been either directly or indirectly caused by rivalry between the Manhattan and Brooklyn policy syndicates, and always the shootings have marked the efforts of Manhattan gamblers to start policy shops in Brooklyn or the attempts of Brooklyn syndicates to invade the precincts of "Little Italy" in Harlem.

Ten of the men under arrest were arraigned in various police courts yesterday and were held in \$1,000 bail each for further examination to-morrow on charges of having policy slips in their possession. In the Harlem police court an additional charge of bribery was made against Pasquale Lampasa, a bartender, of 169 East 106th street. He was accused by Detective George Baritis of having given the detective \$25 to distribute among Baritis, Capt. Tunney and two other detectives of the bomb squad.

"You keep away and let us alone, and we'll give you another \$25 later," Baritis said Lampasa told him.

Some Followers of Gallucci.

The ten men awaiting examination were said by Capt. Tunney yesterday to be for the most part distributors and collectors for policy syndicates which have their headquarters in various parts of Manhattan and Brooklyn. Several of them are said to have been among

MAIL ROUTES KNOWN IN ABRAHAM'S TIME

**Oldest Map in the World In-
dicates Use of Canals for
Transportation 2300 B. C.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—Postal routes of 3,500 years ago, when the parcel post and the circulating library already had been in existence at least 800 years, are shown on the world's oldest map, discovered in the University Museum's Nippur tablets by Dr. Stephen Langdon, the Orientalist from Oxford University. Announcement to this effect was made to-day, and it was said that Dr. Langdon considered the map not only the oldest but the best preserved that has come down from antiquity.

Dating before the time of Abraham, the map shows a comprehensive survey of the region about the temple of Nippur, and indicates that the country was under a high state of intensive cultivation. Canals were numerous and served both for irrigation and transportation. They were the mail routes and a tag on the tablet sent from the library of the Nippur Temple to a town about six miles distant, Eshnunna. According to Babylonian tradition, Noah lived at this town and built the Ark there. The tag was used about 2300 B. C.

RADICAL TRAFFIC REFORM IS URGED

**City Club and Safety First So-
ciety Support Suggestion for
Commission of Inquiry.**

Pointing out that despite improved traffic regulation street accidents are increasing and congestion shows signs of becoming worse, the City Club and the Safety First Society have joined in supporting the suggestion of the Fifth Avenue Association that a commission be appointed to work out a permanent solution of the traffic problem.

"Any improvement in regulation, however desirable, will alleviate the solution only temporarily," says a statement which has been sent to the Board of Estimate. "The solution of the traffic problem must be worked out in terms of city planning by affording adequate and alternative routes of communication throughout the city between and around the centre of congestion."

Permanent Plan Urged.

"We are convinced that the sooner the city of New York undertakes to solve the street problem in a comprehensive way the more satisfactory will be the results and the cheaper the cost to the taxpayers and users of the city streets. The effect of the coming resolution of July 25, 1914, will be to confer upon our residence, business and manufacturing districts a greater degree of permanence and stability than they have ever heretofore known. As a result the city can now

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